



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION AND PUBLIC HEARING Web Posting - 042612

Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 445B, the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 445B, and the Clean Air Act, the Division of Environmental Protection is issuing the following Notice of Proposed Action.

The Director received an application for a Class I Operating Permit-to-Construct (OPTC) AP1041-2989 (FIN A0175) from the following applicant:

Newmont Midas Operations, Inc., Ken Snyder Mine
HC 66, P.O. Box 125
Midas, Nevada 89414

Newmont Midas Operations, Inc., Ken Snyder Mine is located in Elko County, Nevada, approximately 2.5 miles southeast of Midas, Nevada. The project is located in portions of the following areas: Sections 8 - 10, 15 - 17, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34 of T39N, R46E (MDB&M). The Director has prepared a tentative determination regarding the OPTC that, in brief, includes the following:

Newmont Midas Operations, Inc., Ken Snyder Mine proposes to add one new retorts to the refinery. As such, the following equipment and processes are included in the draft OPTC: Existing and new gold refining equipment includes induction furnaces, retorts, a new retort, and insignificant activates.

On the basis of the preliminary review and the requirements of the NRS, the NAC and the Clean Air Act, the Director is hereby announcing his intent to issue the Class I OPTC based on a review of the information submitted. A copy of the draft permit will be available for public inspection at the following location:

Elko Public Library
720 Court Street
Elko, NV 89801

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding this proposed action, or to request a hearing pursuant to NRS 445B Air Pollution and NAC 445B Air Controls, should submit their comments or request in writing, either in person or by mail or fax, within thirty (30) days to:

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The application, draft permit, any comments received, and other relevant information may be copied at the above address, or copies may be obtained by written request to the above address. Written comments or objections will be retained and considered prior to final action on the Class I operating permit. Comments or objections must be received at the above address by **May 25, 2012**. Upon a valid written request received prior to the end of the comment period, the Administrator may schedule a public hearing on the application and proposed action.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know may be interested in this matter.